## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TADASHI SAWAYAMA ET AL.	)	
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Application No.: 10/776,173	)	
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

## a.) Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, kindly amend the subject application as follows: